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Turkeys raised in 1973 are expected to total 132 million birds, 2 percent more than in 1972, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Minnesota, the leading State, expects to raise 23 million birds compared with 21 million a year ago, an increase of 10 percent. California expects a decrease of 2 percent from a year ago but North Carolina, the third largest State, expects an increase of 12 percent.

Heavy breed turkeys raised in 1973 are expected to total 116 million, up 2 percent from the 114 million raised in 1972. Light breed turkeys raised during 1973 are estimated at 16 million, a 6 percent increase from the number raised in 1972.

Poult hatchings during the period September 1972 through July 1973 were above a year earlier in all months except February, March, April and May. Turkey eggs in incubators August 1, 1973 were up 5 percent from last year.

TURKEYS: NUMBER RAISED ON FARMS

State	HEAVEY BREEDS			LIGHT BREEDS			TOTAL ALL BREEDS		
	1972	1973	1973 as %	1972	1973	1973 as %	1972	1973	1973 as %
	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent of 1972	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent of 1972	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent of 1972
Alabama	14	5	36	14	24	171	28	29	104
Arkansas 1/							8,165	7,433	91
California	17,095	16,073	94	541	1,218	225	17,636	17,291	98
Colorado	3,461	3,506	101	16	0		3,477	3,506	101
Connecticut	75	72	96	5	3	60	80	75	94
Delaware	138	221	160	12	3	25	150	224	149
Georgia	1,796	1,922	107	10	20	200	1,806	1,942	108
Illinois	667	576	86	7	0		674	576	85
Indiana	5,600	4,859	87	460	636	138	6,060	5,495	91
Iowa	7,076	7,005	99	80	76	95	7,156	7,081	99
Kansas	285	171	60	0	2		285	173	61
Kentucky	15	5	33	7	1	14	22	6	27
Louisiana	2	2	100				2	2	100
Maine	3	5	167	1	2	200	4	7	175
Maryland	53	44	83	4	1	25	57	45	79
Massachusetts	141	144	102	29	29	100	170	173	102
Michigan	1,049	1,165	111	40	0		1,089	1,165	107
Minnesota	14,620	15,536	106	6,260	7,484	120	20,880	23,020	110
Mississippi	34	0		1	0		35	0	
Missouri 1/							10,000	9,900	99
Nebraska	933	1,305	140	0	17		933	1,322	142
Nevada									
New Hampshire	20	20	100	1	5	500	21	25	119
New Jersey	82	70	85	9	5	56	91	75	82
New York 1/							195	185	95
North Carolina	10,435	11,530	110	1,600	1,950	122	12,035	13,480	112
North Dakota	1,000	1,040	104	150	178	119	1,150	1,218	106
Ohio	3,150	2,772	88	614	596	97	3,764	3,368	89
Oklahoma 1/							1,795	1,747	97
Oregon 1/							1,850	1,600	86
Pennsylvania	2,524	2,396	95	402	414	103	2,926	2,810	96
Rhode Island	12	11	92	1	0	0	13	11	85
South Carolina	2,104	2,146	102	113	105	93	2,217	2,251	102
South Dakota	589	607	103	553	614	111	1,142	1,221	107
Tennessee	10	12	120		5		10	17	170
Texas	7,780	9,025	116	71	66	93	7,851	9,091	116
Utah	3,905	4,061	104				3,905	4,061	104
Vermont	7	13	186				7	13	186
Virginia	3,888	4,199	108	1,631	1,011	62	5,519	5,210	94
Washington	457	409	89				457	409	89
West Virginia	299	761	255	1,111	769	69	1,410	1,530	109
Wisconsin	3,953	4,450	113	56	22	39	4,009	4,472	112
Other States 2/	44	29	66	13	14	108	57	43	75
U. S. Total	114,149	116,373	102	14,984	15,929	106	129,133	132,302	102

1/ Breakdown by breeds not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

2/ Arizona, Florida, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico and Wyoming, combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.